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NORTH KOREA TESTS NEW MISSILE

ICBM appears to have range to strike entire eastern U.S. seaboard

BY KIM TONG-HYUNG
& FOSTER KLUG

SEOUL, South Korea

After 2½ months of relative peace, North Korea launched its most powerful weapon yet early today, claiming a new type of intercontinental ballistic missile that some observers believe could put Washington and the entire eastern U.S. seaboard within range.

The North said in a special televised announcement hours after the launch that it

had successfully fired what it called the Hwasong-15, a new nuclear-capable ICBM that's "significantly more" powerful than the North's previously tested long-range weapon. Outside governments and analysts backed up the North's claim to a jump in missile capability.

President Donald Trump reacted cautiously to news of the launch, stating, "It is a situation that we will handle."

But Defense Secretary James Mattis expressed greater concern, emphasizing

what he said were technical advances on display in the 53-minute flight, which began when the missile was launched northeast of the capital, Pyongyang, and ended nearly 600 miles to the east, when it landed in the Sea of Japan.

"It went higher, frankly, than any previous shot they've taken," Mattis said in the White House, where he was taking part in a budget meeting with the president and Republican congress-

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President Donald Trump said of the North Korean launch, "It is a situation that we will handle."

TAX BILL CLEARS MAJOR SENATE HURDLE

Republican support solidifying behind sweeping overhaul

BY ALAN RAPPEPORT
& THOMAS KAPLAN

WASHINGTON

Senate Republicans took a significant step toward passing a sweeping tax overhaul on Tuesday, with a key panel giving its approval and several wavering senators indicating they would support the tax package, helping clear the way for full Senate consideration later this week.

Passage of the tax overhaul, which seemed uncertain on Monday, strengthened considerably on Tuesday after the Senate Budget Committee voted along party lines to advance the plan.

A flurry of last-minute dealmaking helped garner the support of a few Republican lawmakers who had expressed concerns about the \$1.5 trillion package, including its treatment of small businesses and its effect on the deficit.

The rapid turnaround underlines the pressure Re-

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10.7%

Drop in car registrations in California through Sept. 30

7.7%

Increase in light truck sales in California through Sept. 30

50.5%

Market share for light trucks in California through Sept. 30

49.5%

Market share for passenger cars in California through Sept. 30



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Salesman Tom Larkin walks among Toyota Tacomas at the Mossy Toyota dealership in Pacific Beach on Tuesday.

SUVS AND PICKUPS ZOOM PAST CARS

Even in California, light trucks, sport utilities outsold passenger vehicles through 3rd quarter

BY ROB NIKOLEWSKI

San Diego County auto sales

	2016	2017	Percent change
Cars	63,153	54,720	-13.4%
Light trucks	58,192	63,184	+8.6%

Source: California Auto Outlook

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paced cars since the Great Recession.

"People just like the room of the SUVs over the small cars," said Paul Dyke, general manager at El Ca-

jon Ford. "Also, if you go back to 1997 to 2004 when the SUV really took off, those are the people who grew up in the back seats of (SUVs) that are now buying

them for their families."

According to the latest quarterly report from the California New Car Dealers Association, passenger car registrations in San Diego County were down 13.4 percent through September, while light truck sales from models such as the Toyota RAV4 and the Chevy Silverado were up 8.6 percent.

At the same time last year, car registrations exceeded light trucks by about 5,000, but this year, light truck sales have bet-

tered car registrations by about 8,000.

The numbers for the state mirror those of San Diego.

Slightly more than 780,000 light truck registrations were recorded in California through the end of September, surpassing the little more than 764,000 in car sales.

Light trucks edged out cars for market share, 50.5 percent to 49.5 percent. At the same time last year, cars

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HARASSMENT POLICIES COME UNDER FIRE AT STATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE HEARING

BY JAZMINE ULLOA

SACRAMENTO

California Capitol lobbyists, staffers and lawyers on Tuesday urged lawmakers to overhaul how the state Assembly tracks and handles sexual harassment claims, saying current procedures are confusing, vaguely enforced and result in greater consequences for victims rather than their

abusers.

Their calls for action came during a nearly six-hour committee hearing — the first of either legislative house — to review chamber policies and existing training against sexual misconduct. Leaders of the committee called the meeting a first step to combat a culture of sexism and fear that has created a hostile workplace environment for

many women in politics.

"We know we are scratching the surface of what is clearly a problem across our country and across many industries and organizations," said Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, D-Glendale. "But unlike a lot of those bodies we are committed to doing something transparently and

expediently. SEE HARASS • A9

COUPLE SWEEP AWAY IN RIVER

■ B1 • Gladys Novinger of Jamul was killed and husband George Novinger is missing after they were swept down a river while on a trip in Hawaii.



JUDGE RULES ON HEAD OF CONSUMER AGENCY

Decision leaves president's pick as interim director

BY RENAE MERLE
& THOMAS HEATH

WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Tuesday refused to block President Trump's move to appoint budget director Mick Mulvaney to serve as the temporary leader of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, denying a request by a high-ranking agency employee that she be put in charge instead.

In turning down Leandra English's request for a temporary restraining order, U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly acknowledged that the case raised constitutional questions. Former CFPB litigation counsel Deepak Gupta, representing English, suggested she would continue to press the issue, leaving the 6-year-old agency

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Mick Mulvaney

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